

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 13, lines 15-17, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

[[-]] ~~Figure~~ Fig. 1 illustrates, in a lateral view, a known stranding machine where the preforming device according to this invention is used;

Page 13, lines 18-21, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

[[-]] ~~Figures~~ Figs. 2a and 2b illustrate in detail a preforming device according to the present invention, in a plan top view and a partial side view, respectively;

Page 13, lines 22-25, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

[[-]] ~~Figure~~ Fig. 3 illustrates a tyre, in partial straight section, provided with constituent elements comprising reinforcing cords according to the invention[[.]];

Page 13, after line 25 and before the section heading DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS, add the following new paragraphs:

Fig. 4a shows a side view of a sinusoidally-deformed wire according to the invention;

Fig. 4b shows a top view of the wire of Fig. 4a;

Fig. 4c shows a perspective view of the wire of Fig. 4a;

Fig. 5a shows a photographic top view of a cord of the present invention, comprising three sinusoidally-deformed wires;

Fig. 5b shows a photographic side view of a sinusoidally-deformed wire according to the invention; and

Fig. 6 shows a photographic top view of a cord of the present invention, comprising five sinusoidally-deformed wires.

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings show views of a wire and two embodiments of the cord of the present invention.

Attachments: Six (6) New Drawing Sheets (Figs. 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, and 6)